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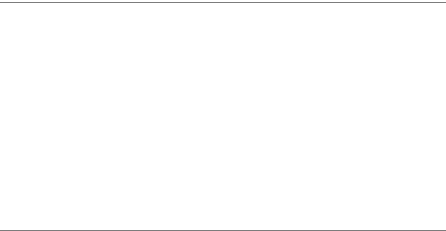
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Land Based Border Guards

1. 50X1
50X1 [redacted] at Poti, Batumi, Leningrad, and
Klaipeda, Lithuanian SSR, [redacted] both land-based border
guard officers and EM aboard ships and in the port area. Usually, a
contingent of border guard personnel boarded SOVRONTRANSPORT vessels
when they arrived in Soviet ports. These officers and EM made a
search of the vessels and checked personal identification documents.¹
2. The border guard officers' uniforms had very dark blue, or black,
trousers with red piping on the seams, an olive-green tunic,
shoulder boards with a dark olive-green background, darker green
stripes and piping, a service cap with an olive-green top, and pos-
sibly a red hat band and red piping on the crown. On holidays or
dress occasions, shoulder boards with a gold background were worn.
These border guard personnel were armed with pistols.
3. EM wore olive-green trousers, tunic, overseas-type cap, and high
black boots. Their shoulder boards had a dark green background with
red stripes. Collar and overcoat flashes for both officers and EM were
green. The EM who boarded vessels in the port as part of the search
party did not carry any weapons but the EM, posted aboard the ship as
guards, carried the PPSH SMG ("balalayka"). EM posted on the docks
carried PPSH SMGs or rifles.

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Maritime Border Guards

4.

50X1 [redacted]
 50X1 Soviet patrol boats intercepted SOVROMTRANSPORT vessels at night,
 50X1 about 15 miles outside of each Soviet harbor, and escorted them into
 50X1 the port. [redacted] the uniforms worn by this per-
 50X1 sonnel consisted of ultramarine-gray trousers, a jumper with a light
 50X1 blue collar flap, and a round navy-type cap of ultramarine-gray. [redacted]
 50X1 the cap had a green cap-band with hanging ribbons and
 50X1 EM wore shoulder boards with green piping.
 50X1 [redacted]
 50X1 [redacted] there was Cyrillic letter-
 50X1 ing in gold on the cap band of the EMs' cap. [redacted]

5.

50X1 At Leningrad in 1953, at Poti in fall 1953, and at Batumi in spring
 50X1 1953, [redacted] gray, wooden-hulled patrol boats, 8 to 10 m
 50X1 long and about 2.5 m wide. They had an average speed of 15 knots and
 50X1 were manned by six to eight men who wore the uniform of the maritime
 50X1 border guards. [redacted]
 50X1 [redacted] an open wheelhouse, three portholes amidships, with one 12.6 mm
 50X1 HMG aft and possibly one 12.6 mm HMG forward of the wheelhouse. [redacted]
 50X1 a radio antenna which [redacted] was for a radio-phone and
 50X1 each vessel had an identification number painted on both
 50X1 sides of the bow. The flag which the ship flew could not be defi-
 50X1 nitely described, but [redacted] it had a green horizontal
 50X1 stripe on the lower part of the flag and a hammer and sickle on a
 50X1 white background on the upper part. (See page 4, for a sketch of
 50X1 the patrol boat and a sketch of the flag.)

Soviet Navy (?) Personnel

6.

50X1 [redacted] small harbor craft in each port. The
 50X1 crewmen of these craft wore ultramarine-gray trousers, jumpers which
 50X1 hung outside the trousers and which had cobalt-blue on the outside
 50X1 of the collar flap in addition to a round, navy-type cap with a black
 50X1 band and hanging ribbons. [redacted] they were EM of the
 50X1 Soviet Navy.

7.

50X1 The uniform worn by officers on these craft consisted of dark blue
 50X1 trousers, blouse, and service cap. They also wore shoulder boards
 50X1 with a gold background, black stripes and piping, and had gold stripes
 50X1 sewn on the cuffs of the blouse sleeve.

8.

RUMANIASoviet Navy (?) in Constanta

9. In the former Salvamar (Salvage Maritime) area of the port of Constanta, three or four harbor craft of the type described in paragraph 5. were operated by Soviet personnel.
10. The officers on these craft wore dark blue trousers without piping on the seams, dark blue jackets, shoulder boards with a gold background, black stripes and piping, and service caps with a white crown and black band.
11. EM wore gray jumpers with cobalt-blue collar flaps, gray trousers, no shoulder boards, and gray, round navy-style caps with a black band and hanging ribbons. Cyrillic lettering in gold, appeared on the band of the cap. EM wore their rank insignia on the left sleeve above the elbow

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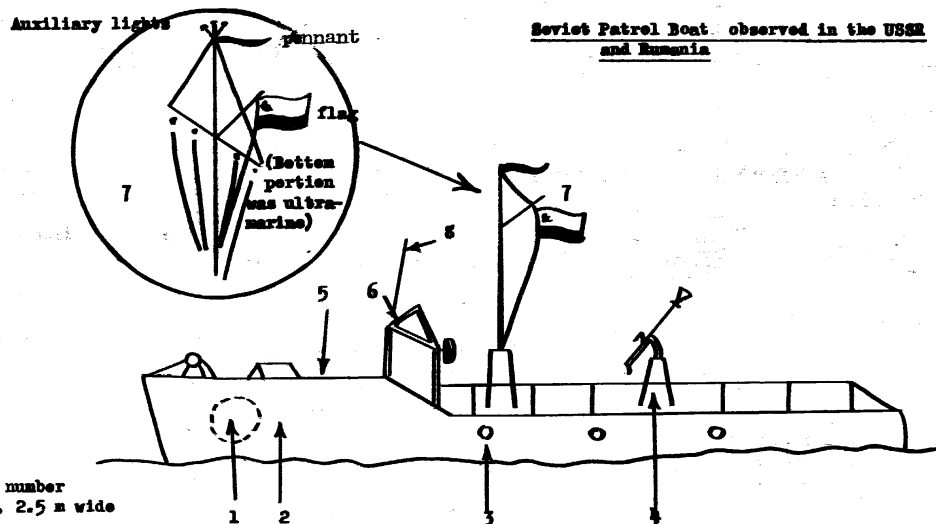
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12. The only activities of the patrol boats [redacted] occurred in 1952 when the patrol boats served as [redacted] escorts to a Soviet Navy (?) minesweeper which operated outside of Constanta harbor. In 1953, the patrol boats were [redacted] entering and leaving Constanta harbor. One boat was always away from the dock and [redacted] it was on duty outside of the port area.
13. These patrol boats displayed a flag, rectangular in shape, and divided into two wide, lengthwise stripes. The upper section, two-thirds of the entire width, had a white background with a hammer and sickle on the top left corner near the staff. The lower section was ultramarine.

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LEGEND

- 1 - Place for identification number
- 2 - Wooden hull, 8-10 m long, 2.5 m wide
- 3 - Pertholes
- 4 - 12.6 mm HMG
- 5 - Possible location of 12.6 mm HMG
- 6 - Open wheelhouse
- 7 - Mast
- 8 - Radio antenna

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